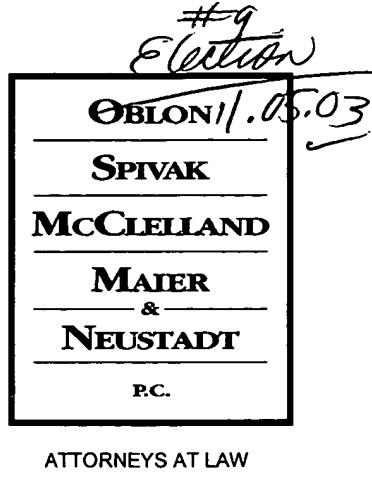




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Responsive to the Official Action dated October 3, 2003, Applicants respectfully elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-10 and 12-19, drawn to a treatment process of a solution containing an organic compound having a fluorocarbon chain.

REMARKS

The Office has required restriction between Claims 1-10 and 12-19 (drawn to a treatment process of a solution containing an organic compound having a fluorocarbon chain), and Claim II, drawn to a layered double hydroxide product. The Restriction Requirement is respectfully traversed because the Office has not established that the inventions of Groups I and II lack a single general inventive concept.

The Office has not established that the inventions of Group I and Group II lack a single general inventive concept, thereby lacking unity of invention. MPEP §1850 states: